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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the above-referenced application in the following manner:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

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| 1 | 3. | (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least two packing |
| 2 | | members are provided. |

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

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| 1 | 5. | (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the deformable portion |
| 2 | | of the packing member is resilient. |

[Please amend claim 6 as follows:]

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| 1 | 6. | (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the frame is generally |
| 2 | | U-shaped. |